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#### STRIKE AT VLADIVOSTOK

Five Japanese Battleships Bombard at

Long Range. LAND FORCES MOVING THAT WAY

Russians Claim That Most of the Lyddite Shells Fired by the Japs Falled to Burst-Russian Batteries Did Not Reply, the Generals in Command Explaining They Were Awaiting Closer Approach of the Japanese.

Vladivostok, (By Cable).- A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers there.' appeared off this place at 1 25 P. M. and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Ussuri Bay, and about 22 miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay the enemy formed in line o battle, but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-third miles. They directed their fire against the shore bat teries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronets and Artanoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the

The Japanese fire ceased at 2.20 P. M., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island. Simultaneously two Maidel. The Japanese ships were cov ered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were 6 and 12 inch

The population of Vladivostok was warned of the presence on the horizon route to the Philippines. of a hostile fleet and of the prospect of | The establishment of a college of doan attack during the day, but the people mestic science is announced at the Uniremained tranquil.

#### Viceroy Alexieff's Report.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable). -A communication from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar from Mukden bearing Sunday's

date says:
"I most humbly inform Your Majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 8.50 A. M. seven vessels were sighted south of Askold Island. At 9.45 they were seen murder. to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Ussuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries At 1.30 the enemy opened fire. Two vesfirst-class cruisers Idzum and Yakumo,

## Five Killed By Japanese Fire.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).-Official dispatches received here concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that five were killed-four sailors and the wife of an engineer.

It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns, and also for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron is in port.

## BATTLESHIPS BLOCKED.

#### Wrecked Russian Warship Lies in Way at Port Arthur London, (By Cable).-Little change in

the Far Eastern situation is reported here. It is apparent that the Japanese are busily engaged in transporting their forces into Korca, and this work is being facilitated by the enforced inactivity of According to the Sebastopol correspon

dent of the Daily Graphic Admiral Skryd loff has learned privately from Port Arthur that the Russian battleship Ret vizan lies in such a position as to block effectually the exit of battleships from the harbor, the passage being practicable only for cruisers.

The correspondent adds that Russia's new battleships now building on the Baltic will not be ready for active commission before the end of August.

The Japanese official who has charge of Japan's financial and commercial interests in England declares that his gov ernment foresaw the possibility of coal being declared contraband of war, and that it has been collecting large stores of has a supply sufficient for the needs of the navy for years to come.

#### DROWNED IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE. Structure Was Weakened By a Cloudburst and Goes Down.

Cleveland, O., (Special).-Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of the collapse of the bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Irondale, on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge close to-

Most of the men lived at Wellsville, O. Of the 11 men making up the crews of the two engines all went down except from the Czar acknowledging receipt of one man left at one end of the bridge as

The bridge had been weakened by cloudburst that occurred Thursday. The and were returning to Wellsville for

#### water when the accident occurred. Stolen Meat Killed Eght.

Birmingham, Ala., (Special).-Eight negroes are dead from eating poisoned hog meat that was stolen from the smokehouse of Thomas Perkins, a white farmer residing near St. Stephens, Ala. The farmer had been constantly robbed of his winter supply of meat, and put rough on rats on a quantity of it, which he placed where the thieves were apt to get it. They got it, and the result is that a number are dead. Other negroes were made ill, but will recover,

# JAPANESE CRUISER SUNK.

She Is Lying Near Chemulpo, Reports Major General Pflug. St. Petersbusg, (By Cable).-The following dispatch, dated March 3, has

been received from Major General Pflug, commanding the Russian forces at Port

"All is quiet at Port Arthur and Yin-

"According to information given by eye witnesses, a Japanese cruiser having three funnels lies near Chemulpo, be tween islands, having recently sunk A correspondent of the Daily Mail,

cabling from Chefoo under date of March 1, said, among other things, that he had seen a Japanese cruiser of the Niiataka type beached at the entrance of Namyang Creek, which is about 15 miles south of Chemulpo.

Japanese naval vessels of the Niiataka

## **NEWS IN SHORT ORDER**

type have three funnels.

#### The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

After 100 years' existence as a financial institution the Marblehead (Mass ) National Bank closed its doors to public business, and its affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible.

By the explosion of the boiler of a saw mill at Greenwood, Pa., P. T. Browntorpedo-boat destroyers appeared near the proprietor, and his two helpers, Wal-Askold Island and two more near Cape lace Tice and Robert Compton, were instantly killed.

Charles Lasek, who had retained life while pinioned under the ruins of the Hotel Darlington, in New York, for 30 hours, died s on after being taken out. A consolidation has been formed of the car-service associations of Pittsburg,

Philadelphia, St. Louis and Denver. Two hundred marines left the League Island Navy Yard for San Francisco, en

versity of Chicago.

Dominick Antello killed Miss Nellie Flanagan in New York and then shot himself.

Robert McMahon, a brother of Benja-min McMahon, of New York, committed suicide in Waterloo, Ia., by taking cyanide of potassium. Clayborn W. Merchant, Jr., who killed

George H. Hutchins in a duel in Carlsbad, N. M., was declared not gui.ty of Richard Sibley, manufacturer of a large

In a race riot at Bokashe, I. T., two

sels in the squadron were probably the man and two negroes seriously wounded. Dan Cushing was captured by brigands but the names of the other vessels are near Devils River, Tex., and released after an all-night horseback ride.

A number of lives have been lost and nuch property destroyed by prairie fires in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The crew of the lighthouse-tender Nina were put in jail on the charge of mutiny

in San Juan, Porto Rico. Denny Memorial Hall, at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., was destroyed by

There were several collisions in New York harbor on account of the fog. The coke trade is hampered by a short-

age in cars. Dr. Morris Jastrow, of Philadelphia, has been offered the chairmanship of the department of the history of religion at the St Louis Exposition

A warrant charging Wallace H. Ham the funds of St. Luke's Home was is-

sued in Boston. The Santa Fe Railroad has finished all of its preliminary surveys for a new

line to Eureka, Humbolt county. Dr. Charles B. Pillsbury, a brother-inlaw of Congressman J. Adam Bede, died

Edmund F. Dixey, a once famous minstrel, died in Philadelphia of congestion of the lungs. Distinguished prelates and educators

met in convention in Philadelphia. Gen. Charles E. Dick was declared elected to the United States Senate.

A large part of Rocky Mountain, North Carolina, was destroyed by fire. Former Congressman Levy was severely injured by a fall near his New

York city home. The United States transport Sherman sailed for the Philippines.

Joseph White, one of the military orisoners who secured his release from Alcatraz Is and by means of a forged pardon, has been arrested at San Fran-

British and German vessels laden with coals provisions and other contraband articles have reached Vladivostok, Japan laborers from the town. The negroes not interfering for the reason that they may prove useful to her at a later stage of the campaign, probably when the and three others wounded. Japanese make an attempt to bottle up the Russian squadron at that port.

The State Department has informed the New York Presbyterian Society, as well as the Baptists, that Minister Allen, in Korea, has been instructed to do all he can for the American missionaries in that country.

The Russian Ambassador at London has presented King Edward with a letter the King's letter emphasizing Great Britain's complete neutrality during the

rty of the American Mining Company in Korea.

Lima, Peru, was seriously shaken up by an earthquake, the worst that has occurred there in 30 years. The French Foreign Office does not

credit reports that China is about to join

Japan in the war. It is also announced

been asked to cede any islands to Russia of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Phillip Gagnon. for coaling stations.

The Russians are making every effort to prevent a blockade on the Siberian Railroad.

Eight-hour Bill.

Guay, the fathers, were absent, working in the woods.

## MANY PERISH IN FLAMES

Indian Territory Settlers Are Caught By Prairie Fires.

A WIDE SECTION LAID IN WASTE.

Six Deaths Definitely Reported and Many from Des ruction-Three Thousand Square river the next morning. Miles Devastated-Losses in Kansas.

Lawton, Ok., (Special).-Reports re eived here indicate that five persons square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties swept by prairie fires.

Hundreds of people are borneless and its square miles of the Mexican schoolhouse in Del have been burned to death and 3,000 Hundreds of people are homeless, and it Rio next Tuesday night. is impossible to estimate accurately the financial loss, owing to the wide extent of country affected. Lives have also been lost by fires in other sections.

Following is a partial list of the killed and injured.

D. Harmond, living six miles north east of Lawton, burned to a crisp. John Harmond; cannot live.
 A. N. Crawford, near Lawton; seri

ously burned. Mrs. Henderson, widow, living rear Lawton, and two daughters; seriously

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa county, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables and 15 race horses, 15 residences, two business bouses and various small buildings. burned: one cannot live. horses, 15 residences, two business houses and various small buildings. Spreading to the southwest, the fire swept 75,000 acres of government military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indian houses and 40 head of government cattle. Spreading westward the flames covered miles of the Homestead district, destroy-ing houses, barns and stock. It was in this district that five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. The names of three have been learned. They are as

Doc and John Harmon, brothers, and man named Fischer.

The other two were women and their names have not yet been learned. Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city. At midnight 5,000 people of the city were battling with the approaching flames. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles in length, and came in a semi-

circular form. A thousand men turned their efforts to checking the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceivable way, was distributed along this line and carried all around the city limits. This served the purpose of check-ing the advance lines of the fire, but was molasses importing concern in Boston, filed a petition in bankruptcy. rolling of the firebrands into the streets of the city.

> Salina, Kan., - Report of many serious prairie fires, aided by the high winds, in public and, as it meets the demands of this section and west of here are coming in. At Hill city, in the extreme north-western part of the state, the court is to be made Monday. house, jail and 50 residences are reported destroyed, and one woman is said to have been burned to death. In- The conference agreement on the Legstances of farmers being caught with their teams in the prairie fires and of many persons seriously burned are num-

## COLLAPSE OF A SKYSCRAPER.

## Between Thirty and Forty Killed, Injured and

New York, (Special).-Five persons are known to have been killed, about a score injured, and eight or ten, all of Columbia. whom are believed to be dead, are mis sing through the collapse of the steel with the embezzlement of \$34,000 from | skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a 13story apartment house in course of erection at 57 West Forty-sixth street. The steel frame work had been erected as far as the eleventh floor, and the structure was swarming with iron workers, masons and laborers, when, without an instant's warning, the upper floor sagged and collapsed, and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks, and shook all the buildings in the

A portion of the steel frame fell upor the rear of the Hotel Patterson, on West Forty-seventh street, crushing in the wall of the dining-room and killing Mrs. Ella Lacey Storrs, the wife of Frank Storrs, a wealthy resident, of Rye, Westchester county, as she was sitting at luncheon with the wife of the Rev. Minot Savage, who escaped unhurt.

#### TWO KILLED IN RACE RIOT. Negroes Resist An Attempt to Drive Them Out

-of Town.

Fort Smith, Ark., (Special).-Two white men are reported killed and one a bill making the act preventing interwhite man and two negroes seriously state transportation of obscene literature wounded in a race riot at Bokashe, I. T.

White laborers on the Midland Valley | United States. railroad, at a camp ashort distance from Bokashe, attempted to drive the negro resisted and a pitched battle followed, in which Hopper and Butler were killed

Negroes are reported to have fortified themselves in a strong position in the woods and seem determined to resist to the utmost efforts to dislodge them. White laborers are making wild threats of vengeance.

## A Mill Operative Scalped.

Covington, Ga., (Special). - Mrs. J. W. Worsham, wife of the superintendent of the Covington Cotton Mills, suffered from a distressing accident, as the result of which she may die. While in the

## Twelve Lives Lost in Fire.

Roberval, Quebec, (Special).-Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay at St. Felicien. When the fire was first noticed by neighbors, who live at some distance, the by French officials that they have not at the time were the eight small children and her three small children. All were

#### KIDNAPPED BY BRIGANDS. Texas Railroad Man Held By Mexicans for Ransom.

Houston, Texas, (Special).-Daniel Cushing, brother of E. B. Cushing, engineer of maintenance of way for the Southern Pacific Railroad, has been kid nappped by Mexican brigands. He was Others Rumored - Town of Hodart Suffered forced to write a note, which was found -One Thousand Fire-fighters Saved Lawton tacked to the door of his cabin at Devil's

E. B. Cushing left on a special train for the border to investigate. The Texas

Rangers have beer put on the case. The note written by Cushing at the brigands dictation stated to at a ransom

Cushing's watch and Masonic pin were found where he had evidently hastily thrown them in the belief that his assail ants were robbers.

## LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS No American Slave Dealers in the

Philippines.

Funds for Panama Canal.

Secretary Shaw has notified all specia national bank depositaries that they will gregates \$30,000,000, leaving about \$20,000,000 to be supplied from the Treasury.

It has been decided heretofore to have the depositary national banks in New York city pay their individual proportions over to the New York Subtreasury at once to meet at this time the payment due Panama, and later to pay the new canal company at Paris the \$40,000,000 canal company at Paris the \$40,000,000 of the late Lieutenant Colonel Henry, due it by calls on national bank depositaries outside New York city. In view, however, of news received from Paris however, of news received from Paris having confessed to committing a forgery in the case. This letter relates to the later in the day to the effect that the later in the day to the effect that the later in the case of the later in the later in the later lieutenant Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison, after having confessed to committing a forgery in the case. French company at once would call a meeting of its directors and carry out the formalities necessary to the transfer of the title to the property to the United States it was thought best to make the two payments to the canal company and to the Republic of Panama concurrently

#### about April 1.

Laid on the Table. The House Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads unanimously agreed to report the Hay resolution calling for information relative to the use of "influence" by members of the House in behalf of increases in salaries of postmasters, increases of clerk hire, etc., to the House with the recommendation that it "lay on the table." The resolution will be accompanied by all the information on this subject which the committee has been able to secure, including confidential exhibits in the Bristow report of the postal investigation and other tion. This will be printed and made the resolution, the order to "lay on the table" will not be opposed. The report

Department Appropriation Bill. islative, Executive and Judicial Appro priation Bill reached makes the total car ried in that measure \$28,556,913. The conferees agree on provisions declaring that no money appropriated in the bill shall be available to pay any persons in the public service ineapacitated permanently from performing service and limiting the use of carriages at government expense to those used by the President, his secretary and the heads of executive departments in the District of

## Rights of Rural Carriers.

Senator Alger introduced an amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation bill, amending the provision inserted by the House prohibiting rural carriers from engaging in other buisness, so that carriers may carry articles authorized by law not authorized to be accepted for mailing, also to make contracts with publishers to distribute newspapers and periodicals upon which one rate of post-

#### age has been paid. Wants \$8,000 to Unveil Statue.

Secretary Shaw transmitted to the House an estimate of \$8,000 from the War Department to defray the expense of dedicating the statue of Frederick the Great to be placed on the ground of the War College in Washington and unveiled October 20, 1904. It is stated that the money is to be used for pedestal, review ing stands, rent of carriages for distinshed personages, printing invitations and for other expenses.

## Obscene Literature in Commerce.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce ordered a favorable report on applicable to foreign commerce and all territory under the jurisdiction of the

Congressional and Departments. Judge Pritchard overruled the motion for a new trial made in behalf of Samuel A. Groff, one of the convicted defendants in the postoffice cases, and sentenced him to two years in the Moundsville Penitentiary and to a fine of \$10, 000. An appeal was taken.

A provision forbidding rural letter-

carriers from eking out their salaries in outside work has been added to the Postoffice appropriation Bill reported to the House yesterday. There is strong opposition to the provision in the Senate. The Navy Department has made ar rangements for the trial of several wire less telegraph systems between the New

Henry T. Reed. of Cresco, Ia., was selected by the Iowa delegation to be recommended for United States district judge for the Northern district of Iowa. It is generally admitted that Senator house had been burned to ground. In it Fairbanks is a candidate for vice president on the ticket with Roosevelt.

Argument was made before the House Committee on Labor in opposition to the The Army Appropriation Bill as re-ported to the Senate carries \$77.620.042 | yer at San Francisco.

## FACTS FAVOR DREYFUS

Reasons Advanced for a Revision of His Trial.

OFFICIAL RECORDS ARE FORGED. nitial Altered on One Document and Another Dated While Drevfus Was on Devils Island .- Traitor in the French War Office Revealed

tion Attracts a Large Crowd. Paris, (By Cable). - The Court of Cassation began the consideration of the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for revision of

.-Hearing on Appeal Before Court of Cassa-

his trial. Councillor Chambareaud presided. Though the general interest in the case was not as great as in previous years. vet the courtroom was crowded with officers, non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, lawyers and others and a number of women, among whom were relatives of Dreyfus. By their side was former Colonel Picquart. Dreyfus was not present, his interests being in the hands of Lawyer Mornard. The report of M. Boyer, reporter of the court, which was read, presented the two new facts upon which the minister of justice, M Valle, recommended a revision of the

These were set forth as follows: appears that this document previously carried the letter 'T.' For this letter was substituted a 'P,' and thus the altered document was presented to the court at

"2-According to the minister of justice, another letter, signed 'Alexandrine, which agent 'A' addressed to agent 'B, contained some words in the handwriting Gribelin swore during the inquiry of the minister of war that this letter was false. It was true, however, that the date of this document was March 28, 1895, when Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devil's

The existence of a traitor in the French war office was revealed by an alleged foreign diplomat, who acted without compensation. It is now claimed that Lieutenant Colonel Henry in 1897 caused a book of expenditures to be recopied in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who, it has developed, was an employee of the intelligence de-

partment. It was claimed by those present in court that if the new facts were acknowledged by the tribunal the innocence of

Dreyfus would be established. Fearing disturbances during the pro-ceedings the government stationed guards leading to the court, but their presence was not necessary. The crowd was in terested, but there were no demonstra tions against the favorable conclusions

#### of the reporter and attorney general. E. F. ABELL DEAD.

President of the A. S. Abell Company Expires .- His Work for the "Sun." Baltimore, Md., (Special). - Edwin Franklin Abell, president of the A. S. Abell Company, publishers of The Sun, died Sunday morning at his residence, northeast corner of Charles and Preston streets, in his sixty-fourth year. Abell was also a director of the Safe De

posit and Trust Company.
On May 15, 1840, Mr. Abell was born in this city on Lee street, near Charles which at that time was one of the prominent residential sections of the city. Mr. Abell was the eldest of 12 children, and with him passes away the last of the sons of the late A. S. Abell, the founder

of The Sun. Mr. Abell was educated in the public schools in Baltimore and also in Harford county, near Jerusalem Mills, later going to Dalrymple's old University of Mary land, on the south side of Mulberry St in what is now the bed of Cathedral street, which has since been cut through to Saratoga street. Many of the most prominent men of Baltimore were educated at this school, and the name of 'Old Dal's" is familiar by reputation

## to even those of a later generation.

\$100,000 For Murder. Winchester, Ky., (Special) Mrs. Arabella Marcum, for herself and children, Jas. Hargis, Alexander Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. F. French for \$100,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that the defendants entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to murder her husband, the late J. B. Marcum. Callahan was formerly Sheriff of Breathit county. Jett and

## White are now in jail in Louisville.

Hold-Up in Massachusetts. Clinton, Mass., (Special). - Two masked men held up an electric car on the Worcester Consolidated Railway, South Lancaster. The men were armed and the 20 passengers in the car were much freightened. H. L. Sauler, of Lancaster, knocked one of the highway men off the car and a fight followed during which two shots were fired by the strangers. The highwaymen made their escape. No one was seriously in

## Assaulted By Boy Strikers.

Chicago, (Special). -Edward Tenney, one of the men employed by the West ern Union Telegraph Company in place of striking messenger boys, was attacked by three young men, who knocked him down and stabbed him. A watchman at

The Erie statement for January, to be issued early in the week, is expected to show a decrease in net earnings of between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. Judge Gildersleeve has signed the or

der authorizing the Boston & Montana to pay its dividends, amounting to over \$3,000,000, to the Amalgamated The New York Subtreasury has paid to banks \$756,000 on telegraphic orders

#### MILITIA CALLED OUT

To Protect a Colored Man in Jail at Meridiag, Mississippi.

Meridian, Miss., (Special).-The killng of Postal Clerk Stockton has caused much excitement. After Paris, the aleged murderer, was placed in jail here mob gathered, and, fearing a lynching, the Sheriff notified Governor Vardaman, who ordered out the local militia.

Birmingham, Ala.-According to re ports received here by the officials of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, the shooting of two postal clerks on a northound train two miles north of Meridian,

Miss., was part of a plot to rob the train. The shooting was done by "Jim" Paris negro, who boarded the train in the Meridian yards as it was pulling out. Before it was under good headway Paris entered the postal car and opened fire on Clerks J. T. Stockton and A. J. Bass, killing Stockton instantly and wounding Bass in the arm. The negro then seized a package of registered letters and

## RUSSIANS LEAVE YIN=KOW Unable to Defend the Coast Without

Forts and Intrenchments. Yin-kow, (By Cable).-The Russo Chinese Bank is closing, preparatory to removing to Mukden. Women and children are preparing to leave Yin-kow in anticipation of the arrival of a Japanese fleet, which is expected when the river

opens, probably a fortnight hence.

The United States gunboat Helena and the British cruiser Espiegele are making preparations to leave the drydocks in reek's time. The mainmast of the Russian gunboat

Sivoutch has been cut off; this would ndicate that she is being dismantled, but otherwise she would appear to be clearing for action. On account of the impossibility of defending the coast at Yin kow until such time as a thaw permits the construction

of intrenchments and forts, the Russians have prepared to retire up the main rail-There are practically no defenses here and, although the shifting and reshifting of troops and artillery to the small forts at the mouth of the Liao River has the appearance of an intention to defend Yinkow, the military authorities depend upon

an inland engagement to put a stop to the Japanese advance. As far as is yet known, the only plans lecided upon are, first, that Gen. Kuropatkin's headquarters are to be at Muk len; Viceroy Alexieff proposes to remain at Mukden indefinitely, as that city is the center of the Chinese administration and has a viceroy bureau; second, that the plan west of Tashihchiao, which is almost impossible of defense, will be held, if possible on account of the railroad connecting with Port Arthur; third, Haiching and Liao-yang are the extreme limits to which troops will be withdrawn on ac-

these points. That the Japanese will arrive before a thaw permits the construction of defenses is thought here to be practically certain.

It would appear also that the authorities expect Port Arthur to be besieged. Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese mperial maritime customs, after sound ing Russian opinion in the matter, has ordered the Chinese customs lightship and the channel buoy to be placed at the river mouth as usual. This step, however, has no effect upon the neutraliza

# cion of Niuchwang.

MUST HAVE CLEAR TITLE No Money Will Be Paid to Panama Until

Washington, (Special). - Important natters relating to the Panama Canal were under discussion by President Roosevelt and his Cabinet. The meeting consumed more than two hours, and at its conclusion the members of the Cabi

act were unusually reticent. Attorney General Knox and other offi cials of the Department of Justice have inder consideration the title to the canal property which is to be passed to this ountry by the Panama Canal Company, but as yet they have reached no conclu sion. It was said after the meeting that no money would be paid by this government until a clear title to the property was obtainable, but no intimation was given as to the length of time which

might elapse before a decision was reached. The entire subject of the canal and its construction was discussed in addition to the legal phases of the question. It is expected that the commission just appointed will get to work practically immediately. It is said to be certain that the commission will go to the isthmus very soon to inspect thoroughly the conditions and to start the preliminary work

of construction. In this connection it was decided, as heretofore indicated might be the case, to countermand the orders issued to the Third United States Infantry to go to the isthmus to relieve the marines now on guard duty there. For sometime the marine detachment will constitute the guard on the isthmus. This government is opposed to establishing two jurisdic tions on the isthmus, and as the naval vessels must remain there it was thought best to allow the marines to continue to

do land duty. It is the earnest wish of the President and the members of the Cabinet that no unnecessary delay should occur in the beginning of work on the canal, and it is their intention to press it with the ut-

#### most vigor. Reyes Defeated.

Bogota, Colombia, (By Cable).-The result of the presidential election is that though Gen. Joaquin Velez has a major ity of 11 votes over Gen. Raphael Reyes the fact must be officially declared by the electoral committee on July 3 next

## \$75,000 For Liquor Setting.

jury of Bell county is making a crusade against violations of the Local Option law. More than 2,300 indictments have been returned against illicit liquor sellers, and of the total number 1.147 bills are against one man, Pilmpton Morgan. In each conviction Morgan is being assessed money penalties amounting to \$65, making the total penalties appr ximate \$75, 000. In addition to the fires his cumula against the deposit of imported Japanese | tive sentences reach a total of more than 63 years' imprisonment.

# THE OLD DOMINION

#### Latest News Gleaned From All Over the State.

Bishop & Co., the Boston contractors on the \$2,000,000 cotton mills and power plant which are being erected near Dan-ville, appealed one of the 62 cases against their employes for working on Sunday. The case will go to the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania County and to the Supreme Court if the decision there is adverse to the claim of the company that the work done by them is necessary. The con-tractors claim it will be impossible for them to close the big dam if they cannot do emergency work on Sunday. The plant, when completed, will be one of the largest in the South and will employ

5,000 persons. John S. Crockett, a well-known lawyer of Wytheville, died at that place. During the exciting "Readjuster" campaign in this State a quarter of a century age Mr. Crockett fought a duel with ex-Congressman John S. Wise near Christiansburg. Several shots were fired, but neither man was injured. Mr. Crockett practiced law at Seattle, Wash., for a number of years.

The Finance Committee of the Richmond City Council has decided to ex-empt boarding houses from taxation.

Mr. William P. Stephens, a leading lumberman, died at his home near Comorn. He owned a number of large saw mills in that section of the State.

Efforts to establish a dispensary at Lunenburg Courthouse and Wattsboro have been abandoned. Governor Montague denies that he intends to go to New York to enter politics

and says he has no intention of leaving The boilers for the battleship Virginia, which will be launched at Newport News April 5, have begun to arrive. They are

of the Niclausse type.

Kansas.

Mrs. Araminta S. Barnes died in Richmond, aged 94 years. She was an auni of J. Taylor Ellyson. George Janney, aged 86 years, died at the home of his nephew, J. J. Jolliffe He had twice walked from Virginia to

California, it is said, and three times to

Mr. P. C. Goodloe and Miss Kate Crit tenden, daughter of Mrs. J. D. Coghill were married at Bethany Church, Spott sylvania county. The case at Fredericksburg against the Weems Stramboat Company for turning over a shipment of wild ducks to the

to Washington, tried before Justice S. J Quinn and dismissed. The Black Mountain Coal and Coke Company is pushing the work of grading its railroad in the Pocket Valley. The distance on the railway line from the Louisville and Nachwills and Pocket Valley. Louisville and Nashvi nearly six miles, through a rich valley of fine coal. The company has sold 1,500 acres of coal lands to the Darby Coal and Coke Company, of Columbus. A large mining town and coke plant are being

Adams Express Company was consigned

A piece of property worth \$10,000 in the heart of the shipping district of Nor folk was leased to Benjamin Newgoss of London, for \$5 for 99 years, under the system of centinuous lease of city prop

erty entered into 100 years ago. The Jamestown Exposition is planning to build ships of the design of those it which Newport sailed to this country just as the Columbian Exposition duplicated those of Columbia. The ships will

be built by popular subscription. That the X-rays are a positive cure for cancer is established by the testimony of Rev. George House, a highly respected minister of the Baptist Church, who has lived for the past five years in Brazil His churches there were recently de stroyed by a cyclone and Mr. House re turned home, bringing with him his wife, who was afflicted with a cancer and for whose recovery little hope was felt. had heard of the X-ray treatment," said Mr. House, "and determined to try it. ] took my wife to Baltimore and put her under the care of Dr. Kelly. The X-rays were applied constantly and a few days ago she was pronounced permanently cured." Mr. House is now speaking from the pulpits of various churches in

in Danville, directly opposite the Gov ernment building, entailing a loss of \$32,000, with less than 50 per cent. in surance. For a short time the Academy of Music, in which is located the Hotel Normandie, was in jeopardy A deal has been consummated whereby the British-American Tobacco Company acquires the export business of Alexan

der Cameron & Co. and William Cameron

Fire destroyed the Holland building

& Bro., of Petersburg, in the United States, and the Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, Australia, branch houses. By the vote of the House it was settled that a fireproof capitol building shall take the place of the structure that now crowns the summit of the Capitol Square The House passed the Senate bill making an appropriation of \$250,000 for the pur

## pose by a vote of 61 to 21.

Doings of the Legislature. Senator Hutcheson has offered a bill ir the Legislature proposing to make in cendiarism in cases of barns, stables and outhouses, in which cattle or live stock are burned, a capital offense.

Mr. Eugene Ould, of Campbell, has in troduced a bill in the House which pro vides for a uniform system of bookkeep ing and creates the office of traveling auditor for the counties of the State. The House committee has reported Senator McIlwaine's bill to require men who desert their wives and children

without cause to support them without compelling the wife to bring divorce pro-The House has defeated the bill imposing a jail sentence not to exceed six months for carrying concealed weapons The House has practically completed the consideration of the General Appro-

The Senate passed the bill to prohibit non-residents becoming stockholders it companies organized to catch oysters and The House er grossed the Ould bill de

signed to prohibit negroes riding in Pull-A bli sintroduced by Mr Duke to preve t the ale of adulterated cider via

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priation bill.

#### York Navy Yard and the station at Navesink, Highlands, N. J. basement of the mill her hair was caught The minority report of the House in the belting of moving machinery and United States Minister Thomas and the Hamilton Club went to Tenney's aid committee urged a complete investiga-tion of the affairs of the Postoffice Deengines had hauled out two work trains Mrs. Thomas gave a brilliant ball in the she was scalped, the skin and hair being and drove away the assailants. Tenny torn from her nose to the back of her apartments of the American Legation at was badly cut in the face. Complete calm prevails here. M. Bunan Varilla, the retiring Panama FINANCIAL. American marines are guarding propminister, paid a farewell call at the Dallas, Texas, (Speciai).-The grand